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SUBJECT: JAPAN FAVORABLY CONSIDERING U.S. CANDIDATE FOR CERD

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Japan is "favorably considering" Ambassador Prosper for the Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, MOFA Human Rights Division Principal Deputy Director Takako Ito told Embassy Tokyo Political Officer November 26 in response to reftel demarche, delivered November 19. When a Japanese candidate is not involved, Japan makes election decisions "at the last minute," Ito finished.  
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